

Developing Wise Leaders

Intro:

1. Developing wise, Christian leaders for the church, home and community.

Body:

- I. There is wisdom from above and wisdom of the world —
Jas. 3:13-17.
 - A. Yet, not all wisdom of this world is useless — Lk. 16:8cf.
- II. Wise leaders are important for several reasons.
 - A. Wisdom brings a better life — Pr. 9:11; Pr. 13:14.
 - B. Wisdom is important in communication — Pr. 16:23.
 1. The wise are more gracious — Eccl. 10:12.
 2. The wise can motivate others to succeed — Eccl. 12:11.
 - C. Wisdom is important in making judgments — Eccl. 8:5.
 - D. The wise should be sought out for answers —
Pr. 22:17; Pr. 24:6.
 - E. People will listen to those who deal wisely —
2 Samuel 20:22.
- III. How does one receive wisdom?
 - A. From God.
 1. God gave craftsmen wisdom — Ex. 31:2-3; Ex. 28:3.
 2. God gave Solomon wisdom to rule — 1 Kgs. 3: 9-12.
 3. In our case, it comes not miraculously, but by
 - a. Prayer — Jas. 1:5.
 - b. The word of God —
Deut. 4:5-6; Pr. 2:6; Ps. 119:98-100.
 - B. With age, experience — Job. 12:12-13; Job 32:7
 1. Learn from mistakes — Pr. 29:15.
 - C. Learn from others — Acts 7:22; Pr. 13:20; Pr. 19:20

Conc:

1. Practical matters.
2. Wisdom begins with Jehovah — Ps. 111:10.